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SUBJECT: IRA TRUCE ENDS

1. AT 1800 HOURS TODAY, JAN 17, PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN/IRA ANNOUNCED THAT TRUCE WOULD EXPIRE AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. IT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR TWENTY-FIVE DAYS. IN THEIR STATEMENT, PROVOS EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION WITH RESPONSE OF BRITISH GOVT. STATEMENT LEAVES DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER TALKS, BUT IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT BRITISH WOULD NEGOTIATE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS.

2. BAD NEWS HAD STARTED TO LEAK OUT MORNING OF JAN 16, BUT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DELAYED, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN IRA "ARMY COUNCIL". PROVOS ENJOY LITTLE SYMPATHY HERE, AND WE EXPECT REACTION OF DISMAY TO THEIR STATEMENT. AT SAME TIME, MOST MEDIA HERE (AND PROBABLY GOI) THINK THAT BRITISH COULD REASONABLY HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO KEEP TRUCE ALIVE, AT LEAST FOR A WHILE LONGER, BY MOVING FASTER TO END INTERNMENT. ENDING OF INTERNMENT IS DESIRED BY ALMOST ALL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, PARTLY BECAUSE INTERNMENT HAS OFTEN OPERATED TO ADVANTAGE OF PROVOS.

3. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, THERE WAS NEVER MUCH CONFIDENCE HERE THAT TRUCE WOULD LAST INDEFINITELY. IT DID AWAKEN MANY HOPES,
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HOWEVER, AND ITS END WILL CAUSE BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT. PROVO-

WATCHERS HAVE OPINED THAT VIOLENCE WILL BE WORSE IN ENGLAND
THAN NL.
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